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As understood, the Examiner claims that the disclosure in claim 5 of the claimed invention is anticipated under Devin. Applicant respec fully disagrees.

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7 The Examiner states in the Office Action that Devin discloses a hull for a high speed boat with a generally V-shape and a drop off wall (rtep) 8 9 which is capable of forming an air cushion tending to lift the hull. While 10 Applicant's Claim 5 (as amended) claims a V-shape hull with a step, the 11 step comes to an apex, which points to the back with the distal ends pointing to the front. This differs from the step claimed in Devin, where 12 the apex of the step points to the front with the distal ends pointing to the 13 back. Applicant's invention also differs from Devin in that the step a so 14 15 includes a channel parallel to the step, which is not found in Devin. 'Vhere Devin's claimed step provides for the purpose of forming an air cush on to 16 lift the hull, this can only be achieved at high speeds. Applicant's 17 invention due to its channel with forward facing distal ends complete with 18 an apex pointing towards the back allows for the intake of air immed ately 19 when the boat begins to move thereby lifting the hull once the boat is 20 engaged. Such elements are not found within Devin and therefore, Devin 21 does not disclose each and every element as set forth in Applicant's invention.

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As understood, the Examiner claims that the disclosure in claim: 6 and 7 makes the claimed invention obvious under Devin in view of Rizzo. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

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1 The Rizzo reference is cited and combined with the primary 2 reference. Where Applicant's invention in Claim 6 claims a longitu linal channel running adjacent to the drop off wall, applicant's invention further 3 discloses two longitudinal channels running adjacent to two chins on each 4 side of the hull. While the Rizzo reference teaches a longitudinal ch innel, 5 the combined reference with Devin would not be obvious to a perso 1 of 6 7 ordinary skill in the art to create a longitudinal channel adjacent to the chin yet alone have two longitudinal channels running adjacent to two chins. 8 Along with the aforementioned step with front pointing ends and channel, 9 the longitudinal channels will provide for the intake of air immediat ly 10 upon the movement of the boat thereby achieving results not obtains ble by 11 the references. However, Rizzo's channel does not allow the air in witil the 12 front portion of the hull is lifted after achieving a predetermined spead. 13 Also, Rizzo provides an exit path for the air. In claim 5 the air is pusl ed 14 towards the apex of the projected V-shape channel. 15

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Applicant's invention claims a peripheral chin having a crosssection with a substantially triangular shape in Claim 7. Claim 7 differs from Devin, in that the triangular shape points downwardly at an angle. Further this triangular shape lies next to a channel thereby providing results of stability while increasing the intake of air into the channels. While Devin teaches of a triangular shaped chin, this chin is not utilized as an object to allow air to be taken into the channels.

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The Rizzo reference is cited and combined with the primary reference. The proposed substitution, however, would differ in severa respects and could fail to achieve the results claimed in claim 5 (as amended). First, the hull in claim 5 permits the air to come in as soon ϵ s

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the boat starts moving. Rizzo's channel does not allow the air in ur til the 1 2 front portion of the hull is lifted after achieving, a predetermined speed. Also, Rizzo provides an exit path for the air. In claim 5 the air is pushed 3 4 towards the apex of the projected V-shape charmel. 5 6 Applicant believes his application is now allowable and ready to be passed to publication and requests an early favorable action. 7 8 9 Respectfully submitted, 10 SANCHELIMA AND ASSOC., I.A. 11 Attorneys fo: Applicant 12. 235 S.W. Le Jaune Rd. 13 Miami, FL 33134 14 Tel. (305) 447-1617 15 Fax (305) 445-3484 16 17 18 19 Jesus Sanchelima, Esq. 20 No. 28,755